

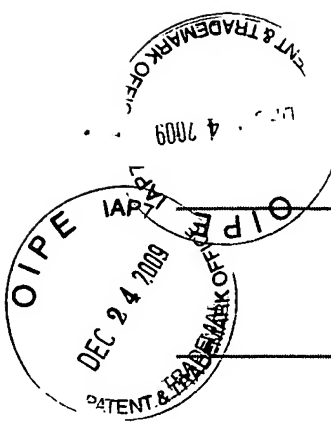


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2. (Currently amended) The brace of claim one further comprising a central portion and having a girth and height to support a calf, knee, thigh or other body part.
3. (Currently amended) [A brace whose] The brace of claim one further having an interdigitating strap design [allows] allowing for the rapid, secure deployment and fitting of the brace by simultaneously tensioning its two tab ends.
4. (Currently amended) [A] The brace of claim one further [that allows] allowing for the securing of same in registration with the patellae when used as a knee brace and biasing of the patella due to simultaneous tab tensioning.
5. (Currently amended) [A] The brace of claim one that also allows for the support of the thigh or calf without patellar opening when used for same.

6. (Currently amended) [A] The brace [who's] of claim one that further has an adjustable girth [allows it] to fit of a wide range of sizes.

7. (Currently amended) [A] The brace of claim one whose design permits its use on either leg.

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